

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the Office Action dated May 27, 2009, in which the Examiner rejected claims 1, 5, 9, 11 and 26-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

As indicated above, claims 1, 28 and 29 have been amended in order to make explicit what is implicit in the claims. The amendment is unrelated to a statutory requirement for patentability.

Claim 1 claims an apparatus for controlling an image display, claim 28 claims a method thereof, and claim 29 claims a computer readable storage medium encoded with the method. The apparatus, method and medium include first determining whether material data is combined with frame rate information. A frame image representation region and a reproductive speed indicating region are displayed. The frame image representation region displays the material data along a time axis in a reproduction order. A width of the time axis of the frame image representation region represents an entire reproduction time of the material data. The reproduction speed indicating region displays a speed range available for reproduction and a currently displayed reproduction speed within the speed range. When the material information is combined with the frame rate information, the width of the time axis of the frame image representation region is altered according to a reproduction time calculated based on a reproduction speed. When the speed range is altered in the speed indicating region, the width of the time axis of the frame image representation region is altered to correspond thereto.

Since the speed range and the width of the time axis of the frame image representation region are displayed linked with each other, a relationship between the reproduction speed and the expansion and contraction of the time axis can be easily understood allowing the editing

operation to be easily conducted. The prior art does not show, teach or suggest the invention as claimed in claims 1, 28 and 29.

Claims 1, 5, 9, 11 and 26-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Kobayashi* (U.S. Patent No. 7,149,408).

Kobayashi appears to disclose a controller 10 determines the number of frames that can be simultaneously displayed in a frame-displaying box 301 (Col. 4, lines 53-54). The user can easily perceive the display unit time based on the frame rate, just looking at the frames displayed in the box 301 (Col. 8, lines 43-45).

Thus, *Kobayashi* merely discloses displaying frames within a box 301. Nothing in *Kobayashi* shows, teaches or suggests (a) a frame image representation region displaying material data along a time axis, (b) displaying a reproduction speed indicating region displaying both a speed range available for reproduction and a currently displayed reproduction speed within the speed range, and (c) when the speed range is altered in the reproductive speed indicating region, the width of the time axis of the frame image representation region is altered to correspond thereto as claimed in claims 1, 28 and 29. Rather, *Kobayashi* only discloses displaying a number of frames in a frame-displaying box 301.

Since nothing in *Kobayashi* shows, teaches or suggests (a) a frame image representation region displaying material data along a time axis, (b) displaying a reproduction speed indicating region displaying both a speed range and a currently displayed reproduction speed within the speed range, and (c) when the speed range is altered in the reproduction speed indicating region, the width of the time axis of the frame image representation region is altered to correspond thereto as claimed in claims 1, 28 and 29, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraws the rejection to claims 1, 28 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

Claims 5, 9, 11 and 26-27 recite additional features. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 5, 9, 11 and 26-27 would not have been anticipated by *Kobayashi* within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraws the rejection to claims 5, 9, 11 and 26-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

Thus, it now appears that the application is in condition for a reconsideration and allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner find that the application is not now in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner enters this response for purposes of appeal.

CONCLUSION

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact, by telephone, the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

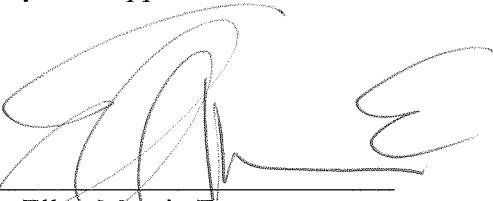
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